

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS BEAUMONT DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.
\$ CASE NO. 1:07-CR-125

\$ JAWORSKI DEWAYNE KING

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON PLEA OF TRUE BEFORE THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and the Local Rules for the District Court, Eastern District of Texas, the District Court referred this matter for hearing and the submission of findings of fact and a report and recommendation pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3401(i) and 3583(e). The United States alleges that Defendant, Jaworski Dewayne King, violated conditions of supervised release imposed by United States District Judge Marcia A. Crone. The United States Probation Office filed its *Petition for Warrant or Summons for Offender Under Supervision* (doc. #139) requesting the revocation of the defendant's supervised release.

The Court conducted a hearing on October 15, 2015, in accordance with Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 11, 32 and 32.1. Defendant was present and represented by counsel at the hearing. Having heard the evidence, this court factually finds that the defendant has violated conditions of supervision and recommends that such violation warrants the revocation of his

supervised release.

After conducting the proceeding in the form and manner prescribed by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, the Court finds:

- a. That Defendant, after consultation with counsel of record, has knowingly, freely and voluntarily consented to the administration of the plea of true in this cause by a United States Magistrate Judge subject to a final approval and imposition of sentence by the District Court.
- b. That Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that Defendant is aware of the nature of the charges and the consequences of the plea, that his plea of true is a knowing and voluntary plea, not the result of force or threats, and that the plea is supported by an independent evidentiary basis in fact establishing each of the essential elements of the conduct.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

A. Procedural History

On April 7, 2008, The Honorable Marcia A. Crone, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, sentenced defendant after he pled guilty to the offense of Possession of a Stolen Firearm, a Class C felony. Judge Crone sentenced the defendant to 87 months imprisonment followed by 3 years supervised release, subject to the standard conditions of release, plus special conditions to include drug aftercare, financial disclosure, and a \$100 special assessment. On February 20, 2014, the Court modified Jaworski Dewayne King's conditions of supervision to include 180 days placement in a residential reentry center. On February 21, 2014, the defendant completed his period of imprisonment and began service of the supervision term.

B. Allegations in Petition

The United States alleges that the defendant violated the following mandatory condition of supervised release:

The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any dangerous weapon.

Specifically, on September 30, 2015, officers with the Port Arthur Police Department searched Mr. King's bedroom as part of an ongoing homicide investigation, and found several unspent 9mm rounds.

C. Evidence presented at Hearing:

At the hearing, the Government offered the following evidence as its factual basis for the allegations set out *supra*. The Government proffered the testimony of Detective Troy D. Robinson with the Port Arthur Police Department. Robinson would testify that on September 30, 2015, he entered King's residence and found ammunition in his possession at that residence.

D. Sentencing Guidelines; Findings and Recommended Disposition

The allegations, supporting evidence and plea of true warrant revocation of supervised release. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(3). The Court factually finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant violated a mandatory condition of his supervised release by being in possession of ammunition while on supervision.

If the Court finds that Mr. King violated his supervision conditions in the manner stated above, this will constitute a Grade B violation under U.S.S.G. § 7B1.1(a). Upon finding a Grade B violation, the Court shall revoke the defendant's supervised release. *See* U.S.S.G. § 7B1.3(a)(1). Based upon the defendant's criminal history category of III and the Grade B violation, the

Sentencing Guidelines suggest a sentence of imprisonment for a period ranging from 8 to 14 months. *See* U.S.S.G. § 7B1.4(a). Because the offense of conviction in this case was a Class C felony, the statutory maximum imprisonment term upon revocation is two years. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(3).

The Fifth Circuit states that Chapter 7 of the Sentencing Guidelines regarding the revocation of supervised release is advisory only. *See United States v. Cade*, 279 F.3d 265, 271 n.2 (5th Cir. 2002) (citing *United States* v. *Montez*, 952 F.2d 854, 859 (5th Cir. 1992); *United States v. Headrick*, 963 F.2d 777, 782 (5th Cir. 1992)). Because Chapter 7 was promulgated as an advisory policy statement and there are no applicable guidelines for sentencing after revocation of supervised release¹, the Court may impose a greater or lesser sentence upon revocation. *United States v. Gonzalez*, 250 F.3d 923, 925 (5th Cir. 2001). Further, a sentence imposed for revocation will be upheld unless it is in violation of the law or plainly unreasonable. *Id. See also United States v. Pena*, 125 F.3d 285, 288 (5th Cir. 1997) (citations omitted).

Here, the evidence and the defendant's own admission supports a finding that the defendant committed a new state crime in violation of his supervision conditions. Mr. King voluntarily pled true, agreed with the Court's recommended sentence for that violation, and waived his right to allocute before the District Court. See Consent to Revocation of Supervised Release and Waiver of Right to Be Present and Speak at Sentencing.

Accordingly, based upon the defendant's plea of true, the agreement of the parties, and the evidence presented in this case, the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge recommends that

 $^{^1}$ See U.S. Sentencing Guidelines Manual, Ch. 7, pt. A, cmt. 1 ("At this time, the Commission has chosen to promulgate policy statements only.")

the District Court accept the plea of true and revoke Defendant's supervised release. The undersigned magistrate judge further recommends that the District Court order Defendant to serve a term of **fourteen (14) months imprisonment** for the revocation, with no additional term of

supervision to follow upon his release.

OBJECTIONS

Objections must be: (1) specific, (2) in writing, and (3) served and filed within fourteen (14)

days after being served with a copy of this report. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

A party's failure to object bars that party from: (1) entitlement to de novo review by a

district judge of proposed findings and recommendations, see Rodriguez v. Bowen, 857 F.2d 275,

276-77 (5th Cir. 1988), and (2) appellate review, except on grounds of plain error of unobjected-to

factual findings and legal conclusions accepted by the district court, see Douglass v. United Servs.

Auto. Ass'n., 79 F.3d 1415, 1417 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc). The constitutional safeguards afforded

by Congress and the courts require that, when a party takes advantage of his right to object to a

magistrate's findings or recommendation, a district judge must exercise its nondelegable authority

by considering the actual evidence and not merely by reviewing and blindly adopting the magistrate

judge's report and recommendation. See Hernandez v. Estelle, 711 F.2d 619, 620 (5th Cir. 1983);

United States v. Elsoffer, 644 F.2d 357, 359 (5th Cir. 1981) (per curiam).

SIGNED this the 15th day of October, 2015.

KEITH F. GIBLIN

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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